



# FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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**Welcome to Friday Night Facts!** Thanks to everyone who attended our conference this week, "A Challenge to Excellence". About 100 people participated and their comments indicate that we provided information that is needed and wanted by community based and faith based organizations. We were delighted to share the expertise of many experts, most of whom are staff in state government agencies.

We learned from Dr. Kirsten Gronberg that over 280,000 people are employed in the non-profit sector in Indiana and contribute approximately \$7.5-8 billion in economic benefit to the state's economy. The morning session presenters reminded participants of the importance of thoroughly reading federal grant RFP's and following the instructions explicitly. Additionally, the panel indicated that most grant proposals will need to be submitted electronically in the future. This change in the way that the federal government is doing business will require that all non-profits seeking federal money allow enough time to input the data and significant preparation time. The encouraging news however is that many Indiana non-profits are following these suggestions and are successful in bringing more and more federal dollars back to Indiana. One conference participant said, "The conference was great (I) received a lot of information to assist different Boards as well as our organization", while another indicated, "Rob and I learned more than we ever dreamed yesterday". Look to this newsletter to offer future opportunities to learn more about how you can increase and improve your service.

### DON'T FORGET!!

If you are planning to attend one of the final two AmeriCorps RFP Technical Assistance Workshops, don't forget to register on line at [RFP\\_Workshop\\_Registration@ofbci.IN.gov](mailto:RFP_Workshop_Registration@ofbci.IN.gov). One workshop will be held in **Indianapolis** at the Indiana Government Center, 302 W. Washington Street in conference room 1 on **Tuesday, 10/3/06, from 1 to 4 PM (Eastern Time)**. The final workshop will be in **New Albany** on **Friday, 10/6/06, from 1 to 4 PM (Eastern Time)** at Indiana University Southeast, Multi-Purpose Room, 4201 Grant Line Road.

Attendance at one workshop is required for those intending to submit an application for AmeriCorps funding. If you have any questions, please send an email to [RFP\\_FAQ@ofbci.in.gov](mailto:RFP_FAQ@ofbci.in.gov)



### Deadline Extended!

The deadline to submit proposals for presentations at the 2007 Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism has been extended to Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>! If you would like to share your expertise with other Indiana nonprofits, faith-based and community organizations, schools and National Service programs, submit your proposal soon! The link to the Call for Presentations is <http://www.in.gov/ofbci/events/2007CallforPresentersFinal.pdf>.

### Free Aware for All Educational Program

The Center for Information and Study on Clinical Research Participation (CISCRP) and more than 30 community partner organizations are hosting Aware for All, an educational program to help people make informed decisions about clinical research participation. The Clinical Research Education and Public Awareness Day will be held on October 21st, 9 AM to 3:00 PM at the IUPUI University Place Conference Center and Hotel, 850 West Michigan Street in Indianapolis.

- \* **FREE** breakfast and lunch
- \* **FREE** health screenings, including diabetes, blood pressure, cholesterol and body mass index
  - \* Informational workshops
  - \* Renowned physician speakers
  - \* Information alley exhibit area

This event is **free** and open to the public. For more information or to register, go to <http://www.ciscrp.org/programs/aware/indiana/index.html> or call 1.888.247.2773 by October 19.

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## AmeriCorps\*VISTA: The Toughest Job You'll Ever Love.



The OFBCI is offering you an opportunity to become a VISTA associate, right here in Indiana. We want to fill two Community Resource associate positions through the VISTA program in our office. The hours for the position are Monday-Friday, 8:00 – 4:30. Term of service is November 20, 2006 – October 31, 2007. The position will be housed at the OFBCI office on the Indiana Government Center campus. Applications will be accepted through Friday, October 6, 2007.

**AmeriCorps\*VISTA** (Volunteers in Service to America) is dedicated to eliminating poverty by helping individuals and low-income neighborhoods make positive changes for themselves. Through AmeriCorps\*VISTA, ordinary people provide extraordinary service in more than 1,200 projects nationwide.

**Why do people join AmeriCorps\*VISTA?** First, there is the incredible work experience, tremendous responsibility, and great challenges. You will develop new skills or further challenge abilities you have already developed. You will also enjoy the satisfaction of making a real difference, helping a community help itself. AmeriCorps\*VISTA members leave behind lasting solutions to some of our country's toughest problems.

**Eligibility for AmeriCorps\*VISTA:** You must be at least 18 years old, but there is no upper age limit. You must be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident, be team-oriented, and be willing to take on a wide range of challenges. The OFBCI requires VISTAs to have at least a bachelor's degree. We also encourage retirees to join us and share their extensive experience. Self-initiative, flexibility and organizational skills are a must. Fluency in Spanish or other languages also can be helpful. You must be available to serve full-time for one year. The AmeriCorps\*VISTA application process also requires a criminal history background check to ensure community members with whom we work are protected, particularly children, individuals with disabilities, and individuals over 60 years old.

The VISTA Community Resource Associates will assist in reaching out to faith and community organizations across Indiana to raise awareness of government resources available to groups alleviating poverty and its side effects.

### The VISTA Community Resource Associates will:

- ◆ Assist faith-based and grassroots community organizations in identifying relevant state and federal resources. This includes not only grants or other funding opportunities, but publications, information, and research useful to grassroots organizations.
- ◆ Identify and establish relationship with potential SHARE Network partner organizations in communities across Indiana. Community may be defined geographically, linguistically or by other identifiers.
- ◆ Develop and maintain the statewide funding resource database, disseminating information to faith-based and grassroots communities throughout Indiana.
- ◆ Respond to requests for funding assistance through researching funding opportunities for faith and grassroots community organizations.
- ◆ Schedule and coordinate SHARE Network community outreach events.
- ◆ Assist in the dissemination of SHARE Network materials, and obtain input from diverse groups to ensure appropriateness. Assist SHARE Network partners in establishing access points in communities across the state.

### Skills Needed

- ◆ Good written and spoken communication.
- ◆ Genuine respect for, and interest in, the diverse subcultures of our state.

### Skills Desired

- ◆ Graphic Design/Publication layout
- ◆ Database Spanish fluency

To apply for the VISTA Community Resource Associate position, visit <https://recruit.cns.gov/index.asp>, and select Program ID IN010024, position # IN010024-7. To get answers to frequently asked questions, visit: [http://www.americorps.gov/for\\_individuals/faq/index.asp](http://www.americorps.gov/for_individuals/faq/index.asp).



### FUNDRAISING FOR SMALL NON-PROFITS TWO-DAY WORKSHOP



“Fundraising for Small Nonprofits,” taught by IU’s Fund Raising School, will be offered at the following locations during the month of October.

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| 10/2-10/3   | 8:30 – 5:00 | The Hilton Garden Inn, 356 E. State Street, West Lafayette                      |
| 10/4-10/5   | 8:00 – 5:00 | Marten House Hotel and Lilly Conference Center, 1801 W. 86 Street, Indianapolis |
| 10/9-10/10  | 8:00 – 5:00 | College Football Hall of Fame, 111 South St. Joseph Street, South Bend          |
| 10/12-10/13 | 8:00 – 5:00 | Evansville Association for the Blind, 500 Second Avenue, Evansville             |
| 10/16-10/17 | 8:00 – 5:00 | The League for the Blind and Disabled, 5821 S. Anthony Blvd, Fort Wayne         |
| 10/18-10/19 | 8:00 – 5:00 | Bloomington Convention Center, 302 S. College Avenue, Bloomington               |
| 10/25-10/26 | 8:00 – 5:00 | Community Learning Center of Washington County, 1707 N. Shelby Street, Salem    |

The cost of the workshop is \$50, which includes breakfast. Workshop attendees will also receive a \$10 discount coupon toward the Kids Count in Indiana Conference, which will be held December 5-6, 2006 at the Indiana Convention Center. For more information, please visit [www.iyi.org](http://www.iyi.org) or call 1-800-343-7060.

### Funding to Provide Extra Academic Help to Students in Indiana



Under the **No Child Left Behind** Act, faith-based and community organizations, non-profit entities, for-profit entities, local education agencies, public schools, public charter schools, private schools, and public or private institutions of higher education are eligible to receive federal funds to provide extra academic help to students from low-income families who attend Title I schools that are in their second year of school improvement, corrective action or restructuring. These supplemental educational services (“SES”) are additional academic instruction designed to increase the academic achievement of students in low-performing schools. Services must be provided outside of the regular school day and may include academic assistance such as tutoring, remediation and other educational interventions.

In this workshop you will learn how your organization can become an approved SES provider in Indiana (<http://mustang.doe.state.in.us/dg/ses/welcome.html>) and receive funds for tutoring eligible children in math and language arts. Information will also be given about **No Child Left Behind** and grant opportunities from the U.S. Department of Education.

To register for the following **free** technical assistance workshop, please go to <http://www.ed.gov/about/inits/list/fbci/regform.html>. The deadline for registering is October 9<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to register online or have questions, please call (202) 219-1741.

October 11, 2006  
1:00pm – 4:00pm (registration begins at 12:30pm)  
Hilton Indianapolis  
Victory Ballroom  
120 West Market Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
(317) 972-0600

## Senate Confirms Chairman Stephen Goldsmith to Serve on National Service Board through 2010

(Washington D.C., 9/26/06) -- The Senate has unanimously confirmed Stephen Goldsmith to serve on the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term lasting through October of 2010.

Goldsmith, former two-term Mayor of Indianapolis, has served as chairman of the board since June of 2001, overseeing a range of reforms and an expansion of the agency's programs and participants. The new appointment ensures his continued leadership for an additional four years, including the transition to a new Administration.

The bipartisan 15-member board, appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, sets overall policy and direction for the Corporation and its programs. The Corporation is the nation's largest grant maker for volunteering and service, engaging more than 1.5 million Americans in service each year through its Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, VISTA, NCCC, and Learn and Serve America programs. The Corporation works closely with USA Freedom Corps, a White House office dedicated to expanding volunteer service in America.

"One of the President's great goals is to invigorate the spirit of service and citizenship in America, and with Congressional support we've come a long way toward that goal," said Goldsmith. "I look forward to working with the Corporation, its thousands of community and faith-based partners, and the larger nonprofit sector to strengthen the culture of service in America."

"Steve has been an extraordinary chairman who has made a profound difference in strengthening and expanding national service in America," said David Eisner, CEO of the Corporation. "From the earliest days of this Administration, Steve has worked to build management excellence and broaden the reach and impact of our programs. His confirmation will ensure that all of national service will continue to benefit from his guidance and leadership for years to come."

Under Goldsmith's leadership, the Corporation has achieved a number of milestones:

- Last February, the Corporation unveiled a bold five-year strategic plan that provides a blueprint for building a culture of citizenship, service, and responsibility in America. The plan lays out four priorities: mobilizing more volunteers, ensuring a brighter future for all of America's youth, engaging students in communities, and harnessing baby boomers' experience. It includes specific targets to reach by 2010, including 75 million Americans volunteering, 3 million more at-risk youth with mentors, 3 million at-risk youth serving others in their communities, service-learning in half of all K-12 schools, and 3 million more baby boomers engaged in service.
- In 2005, Goldsmith worked with Board Vice-Chair Dorothy Johnson to build consensus for revised rules that helped make the AmeriCorps program stronger, more effective, and better positioned for continued growth. The final rule was based on extensive public input and balanced many different points of view from Congress, grantees, and other stakeholders.
- Goldsmith worked closely with Congress on the passage of the fiscal 2004 national service budget, which provided a historic funding increase for AmeriCorps to support 75,000 AmeriCorps members – a 50 percent increase over previous levels. Goldsmith received an "Outstanding National Service Advocacy Award" from Voices for National Service for his leadership in this effort.
- Throughout his tenure, Goldsmith has overseen a series of aggressive management reforms at the agency, ranging from an overhaul of the National Service Trust and the adoption of cutting edge technology solutions to institution of program performance measure and management metrics and the building of a performance culture among agency employees. These improvements have increased the efficiency and accountability of the Corporation and its programs.
- While the Corporation has always provided support to faith-based and community groups, these efforts were ramped up as a result of Goldsmith's leadership and Executive Orders in 2001 and 2005, which encouraged federal agencies to level the playing field for faith-based and other community organizations to compete for federal funds. Last year the Corporation awarded nearly \$81 million – or 13 percent of its overall competitive grant funds – to faith-based organizations, two percentage points above the national federal average.

Dan Paul Professor of Government at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, Stephen Goldsmith is a nationally recognized expert on government management, reform, and innovation. He is the author of several books, most recently, "Governing by Network: The New Face of the Public Sector," and his columns have frequently been published in such papers as the *Wall Street Journal* and *New York Times*. He currently is a Partner in Knowledge Universe Learning Group, one of the world's largest private education companies. While serving two terms as Mayor of Indianapolis, he earned a national reputation for innovations in government. Mr. Goldsmith was chief domestic policy advisor to President Bush in the 2000 campaign and then served as Special Advisor to the President on faith-based and nonprofit initiatives.

In addition to serving as Chairman of the Corporation's Board, Goldsmith serves on the boards of the Anacostia Waterfront Corporation, the Fannie Mae Foundation, Homes for Working Families, America's Promise-The Alliance for Youth, Finish Line Corporation, the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, and the Council for Excellence in Government.

The Corporation for National and Community Service improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. Each year, the Corporation provides opportunities for 1.5 million Americans of all ages and backgrounds to serve their communities and country through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America. For more information, go to <http://www.nationalservice.gov>.



FitCity's Monthly Tip



October is Children's Health Month, a national observance designed to raise awareness about the importance of children's health. The celebration kicks off Oct. 2 with National Child Health Day and culminates the week of Oct. 16-20 during National Health Education Week. And in between that time we celebrate National School Lunch Week Oct. 9-13. But what does it all mean? And can we really turn one day – or one week -- into a lifetime of healthy changes?

National Child Health Day dates back to 1928. The day is celebrated on the first Monday in October and is designed to focus attention on issues related to child development and well-being. **Suggestion:** celebrate National Child Health Day every day by making your child's health a priority. Make this the day you schedule an annual wellness check-up for your child and ask the doctor to calculate his/her body mass index (BMI).

The National Center for Health Education sponsors National Health Education Week during the third week of October to highlight health literacy and child health issues. **Suggestion:** send a letter to the editor recognizing your favorite health educator for their contributions in improving public health.

Established in 1963, National School Lunch Week raises awareness of and gains support for the role that school food service and nutrition programs play in children's lives. For some, lunch is the most nutritious meal of the day. So we recognize and appreciate the important contribution of the school lunch program. **Suggestion:** sign up for the FitCity E-news to receive a notice of a Healthy Lunch promotion on October 7 and 12 where you could get a new lunch bag, healthy snacks and lunch-time recipes.

Have fun this month celebrating children's health and remember that small steps do add up. Start today by making a healthy move to a healthier you – for you and for your children. Here's an easy lunch box meal to get you started:

### Wrap 'n Roll Tortilla

- 1 flour tortilla
- 1 slice of cheese
- 3 thin slices of oven roasted turkey breast
- 1 lettuce leaf
- 2 Tbsp. low-fat ranch dressing



Top tortilla with cheese, turkey and lettuce; roll up tightly. Cut wrap in half and place in plastic wrap. Place dressing in a small re-sealable plastic bag and use for dipping. Round out the lunch box wrap with cherry tomatoes, JELL-O pudding and 1 cup of milk for a quick and delicious meal your child will enjoy. For more lunch box builders, visit: [www.kraftfoods.com](http://www.kraftfoods.com).

Get up and get moving in October with these fun fitness events:

- \* Oct. 1 - Open Gym at IndyParks. Call 327-PARK for more information on open gym time at a park near you.
- \* Oct. 14 – Spotlight on Nursing 4 Mile Run and Walk, YMCA Athenaeum. Contact Andy at [andy@rnspecialities.com](mailto:andy@rnspecialities.com) for more information.
- \* Oct. 15 – Indiana AIDS Walk & Ride, University Park, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The walk steps off at 2 p.m. For more information visit [www.indianaaidswalk.org](http://www.indianaaidswalk.org).
- \* Oct. 28 – Pleasant Run RUN, Irvington United Methodist Church, walk/run starts at 9 a.m., followed by a Halloween costume parade at 4 p.m. For more information visit [www.hiprr.org](http://www.hiprr.org).

For more healthy recipes and activities log onto [www.INShape.IN.gov](http://www.INShape.IN.gov) and [www.fitcity.info](http://www.fitcity.info)